

Active River Channel (3)



Location. This map class describes the parts of the Little Colorado River and its major tributaries, Antelope Wash and Deadman Wash, that flood at least annually. The channel bed may be either light-colored sand or black basalt, or a mix of the two. Both types occur in the photo of the Little Colorado River at left.

Photosignature. This type is easily recognized by its context – in the bed of a major stream - as well as its smooth texture because of the lack of perennial vegetation. The color may be either white with light-colored streaks indicating minor flood deposition, or greenish black, depending on the substrate (sand or basalt).

